

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

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9. (Previously Presented) A method of treating or preventing a gram-positive infection in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a purified and isolated peptide having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID No: 2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, amide, ester, or prodrug thereof.

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10. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the peptide is administered orally.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the peptide is administered topically.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the peptide is applied to a surface of a medical device.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein the medical device is a catheter.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 12, further including the step of coating the medical device with the peptide prior to contacting the subject therewith.